

Cairney School aspires to be a happy, safe and inclusive learning community where everyone is treated fairly and with respect and encouraged to be the best they can be. Through high-quality, enjoyable, learning experiences, we strive to inspire and challenge our learners to achieve their fullest potential. In our school, learning is an active, exciting, positive experience. We work in partnership with parents, carers and the wider community to enable our children to become

- **Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors.**



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## Cairney School Newsletter No. 1: 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to everyone - I hope you all had a very enjoyable summer holiday. Week two already!

### New telephone number

All schools in Aberdeenshire are being migrated across to using Skype telephony. This means that the school has a new number - **01466 405915**. When you phone the school, if no one answers the phone you will be invited to leave a message to e.g. explain why your child/children are absent from school. If you need to talk to someone, someone will call you back. Please note however there is no one in the office on Thursdays so it may be some time before someone is able to call you back.

### CHILD PROTECTION

To ensure our children's safety, it is important for us to have your help with the following:

- Please keep the school up to date with your telephone number, including mobile phone if you have one, and other details for emergency contacts.
- Please inform the school of any prearranged absence, e.g. attendance at a hospital appointment or other unavoidable event, prior to the absence-taking place.
- Please inform the school of your child's absence by 9.15 a.m. on the morning of the first day of absence. For afternoon sessions, inform the school no later than half an hour into the afternoon session.
- Respond promptly to contact from the school.

### Attendance at school (Aberdeenshire Policy August 2016)

The school monitors attendance at school and will discuss this with pupils and parents as appropriate. We deal sensitively with a pupil's needs and concerns and try to address any needs identified at an early stage, involving parents/carers and other sources of expertise as appropriate.

As a parent/carer, you will be informed of concerns about the level of your child/children's attendance (**i.e. when attendance falls below 90% as of August 2016**) at an early stage and invited to a meeting to discuss how we can work together to support your child's attendance and to draw up a plan of support. You and your child will always be asked about what kind of support you think is needed. Further information is provided in the leaflet attached to this newsletter.

If you are planning to take your child/children out of school during school time for e.g. a holiday, family event etc., we would ask that you put **this request in writing** stating the dates of intended absence. Thank you.

If your child/children have sickness and/or diarrhea, they should be kept at home for 48 hours to help prevent the infection spreading to their classmates and staff.

### **Congratulations...**

...to the Eco Group and Mrs. Morrison whose work in the eco garden has achieved the Level One RHS Gardening Award.



### **School closures and transport changes**

Aberdeenshire Council has changed the way parents/carers receive online alerts about school closures and changes to school transport. You can now sign up for these notifications through *myaccount* on the Aberdeenshire Council website – if you currently pay for school meals online, you will already be registered. *myaccount* is a simple, secure way of accessing a range of Scottish public services using just one username and password and 13,000 parents/carers across Aberdeenshire are already enjoying the benefit of it. As well as being able to sign up for alerts, your home page will automatically give you handy information such as your bin collection days, where your nearest recycling centre is and the names of your local councilors.

So if you want to be kept up to date and take advantage of the other *myaccount* benefits, sign up to the new system by going to the Aberdeenshire Council website and clicking on the red **register** button in the top right-hand corner.

### **Smoking Policy (August 2016)**

As of 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016, smoking has not been allowed anywhere or at any time over the entire school premises including outside school grounds. The policy applies to school pupils, all staff working within the school and or community campus, parents/carers and visitors.

### **Improved reporting to parents: Sharing our learning - school Twitter Account**

As part of the on-going process of regular sharing of information about the children's learning and what is going on in school throughout the school year, a school 'Twitter' account has been created.

**This is a closed account and only those given permission to access to it will be able to see the content.** If you wish to follow us on Twitter, please search for Cairney School and click on the request to follow us and we will give you access to the account.

The number of people following us on Twitter is growing! Thank you to those who are already following us– we hope you are enjoying finding out what we are learning in school and seeing what we are doing in the classroom!

### **News from the staffroom**

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs. Wills, the art visiting specialist teacher, who will be working with the children on Tuesday mornings up until the October holidays. Mr. Keir, the permanent supply teacher for Huntly schools will be in school occasionally so that he can get to know and work with the children which will be beneficial if he has to cover staff absence at any time during the school year. Unfortunately, Mrs. Morrison is unwell and absent from school at present. We welcome Mrs. Paul to Cairney School who will be working in the classroom with us fulltime until Mrs. Morrison returns.

### **News from the classroom**

We have started the term with a book study and we are listening to and discussing 'Holes' by Louis Sachar (P4 – P7) and a variety of short stories (P1 - P2). We are learning to write to argue a case from a point of view e.g. posters, letters, advertisements etc.



*Learning to create textures and blend colours in Art*

In Health and Wellbeing we are discussing how persuasion is used by media/advertisers to influence consumers and our food choices.

**Contact details**

We are attaching the contact details we currently have in school. Please could you check them and amend if necessary and return to school.

**Dates for your diary**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October: School closes for the October Holidays

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October: School re-opens for Term 2

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November: School closed for In-service days

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: School closes for Christmas.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January: School opens for Term 3

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Kim C Aplin  
Head Teacher

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**Parent Comments and Ideas**

**Please share your child/children's out of school achievements**

Name: .....

Signed: .....